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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DAVID DEAL

Plaintiff,

vs.

SAN DIEGO TRUX, a California business, JOHN
LAWRENCE, an individual, PAUL McGINNIS,
an individual, AARON HOLLINS dba ONLINE
OUTFITTERS, and DOES 1 through 100,
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 01 cv 0671H (NLS)

ANSWER OF TRUX, INC., JOHN
LAWRENCE, PAUL McGIVEN
AND AARON HOLLINS TO
COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF
COPYRIGHT; DEMAND FOR
JURY TRIAL

1 Defendants TRUX, INC. d/b/a SAN DIEGO TRUX, JOHN LAWRENCE, PAUL
2 McGIVEN (erroneously sued as "Paul McGinnis"), and AARON HOLLINS d/b/a ONLINE
3 OUTFITTERS (collectively "Defendants") for themselves and no other parties, answer the
4 Complaint For Violation of Copyright ("Complaint") filed herein by Plaintiff DAVID DEAL
5 as follows:

6 I

7 ANSWER

8 1. Defendants admit that Trux, Inc. is a California corporation doing business in
9 San Diego County, California but deny the remaining allegations in paragraph 1 of the
10 Complaint..

11 2. Defendants admit that John Lawrence is an individual residing in San Diego
12 County, California as alleged in paragraph 2 of the Complaint.

13 3. Defendants admit that Paul McGiven is an individual residing in San Diego
14 County, California as alleged in paragraph 3 of the Complaint.

15 4. Defendants admit that Aaron Hollins is an individual doing business as Online
16 Outfitters and resides in San Diego County, California as alleged in paragraph 4 of the
17 Complaint.

18 5. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
19 truth of the allegations in paragraph 5 of the Complaint, and on that basis deny those
20 allegations.

21 6. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
22 truth of the allegations in paragraph 6 of the Complaint, and on that basis deny those
23 allegations.

24 7. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
25 truth of the allegations in paragraph 7 of the Complaint, and on that basis deny those
26 allegations.

27 8. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the
28 truth of the allegations in paragraph 8 of the Complaint, and on that basis deny those

1 allegations.

2 9. Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 9 of the Complaint.

3 10. Defendants admit that Plaintiff has attached four exhibits to the Complaint
4 but deny the remaining allegations in paragraph 10 of the Complaint

5 11. Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 11 of the Complaint.

6 12. Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.

7 13. Defendants admit that Plaintiff appears to have hired an attorney but deny
8 the remaining allegations in paragraph 13 of the Complaint

9 14. Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 14 of the Complaint.

10 15. Defendants deny the allegations in paragraph 15 of the Complaint.

11 II

12 **DEFENDANTS' AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

13 Defendants are informed and believe and thereon allege the following as separate and
14 affirmative defenses:

15 16. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that the Complaint fails
16 to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

17 17. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that plaintiff's claims for
18 damages and all other relief are barred by the doctrine of laches.

19 18. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that plaintiff's claims for
20 damages and all other relief are barred by the doctrine of estoppel.

21 19. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that plaintiff's claims for
22 damages and all other relief are barred by the doctrine of acquiescence.

23 20. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that plaintiff's claims for
24 damages and all other relief are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands.

25 21. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that plaintiff has waived
26 his claims against Defendants.

27 22. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that the damage allegedly
28 suffered by plaintiff, if any, was the direct and proximate result of the negligence of parties,

1 persons, corporations and/or entities other than Defendants and therefore any recovery
2 against Defendants should be barred, or to the extent such recovery is permitted, the
3 liability of Defendants, if any, is limited in direct proportion to the percentage of fault
4 actually attributable to Defendants.

5 23. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that plaintiff's purported
6 copyright is not entitled to copyright protection because it is not an original work of
7 authorship.

8 24. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that a substantial portion
9 of the material in which plaintiff claims copyright was preexisting material which plaintiff
10 used unlawfully.

11 25. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that a substantial portion
12 of the material in which plaintiff claims copyright was created by others.

13 26. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that their use, if any, of
14 the materials in which plaintiff claims copyright is a fair use.

15 27. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that their use, if any, of
16 the materials in which plaintiff claims copyright is an authorized use.

17 28. As a separate affirmative defense, although denying that plaintiff has been
18 damaged, Defendants allege that plaintiff cannot obtain statutory damages and/or attorney's
19 fees under the Copyright Act because he failed to comply with 17 U.S.C. § 412.

20 29. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that plaintiff has not
21 suffered any injury as a result of the alleged conduct of Defendants.

22 30. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that plaintiff failed and
23 refused, and continues to fail and refuse, to take reasonable or adequate steps to mitigate,
24 alter, reduce or otherwise diminish the alleged damages, if any, suffered. By reason of the
25 foregoing, plaintiff is barred from any recovery for such damage, if any.

26 31. As a separate affirmative defense, Defendants allege that plaintiff's claims, and
27 each of them, are barred as the applicable statute of limitations has run.

28 32. Defendants presently has insufficient knowledge or information upon which to

1 form a belief as to whether they may have additional affirmative defenses available.
2 Defendants reserve the right to assert additional affirmative defenses in the event discovery
3 or further analysis indicates that additional unknown or unstated affirmative defenses
4 would be available.

5 **III**

6 **PRAYER**

7 **WHEREFORE**, Defendants prays for a judgment as follows:

- 8 1. Dismissing Plaintiff's Complaint with prejudice;
- 9 2. Awarding Defendants their costs of this suit and reasonable attorney's fees,
10 the amount to be fixed by the Court, as provided for by applicable statutes;
- 11 3. Granting Defendants such other and further relief as the Court may deem just
12 and proper under all of the circumstances.

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14 Respectfully submitted by:

15 Dated: May 15, 2001

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JURY DEMAND

Defendants Trux, Inc. d/b/a San Diego Trux, John Lawrence, Paul McGiven and
Aaron Hollins D/b/a Online Outfitters hereby demand a trial by jury.

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